

If I can find it on my desk I am sure you can find it on yours. LB 348, it says across the top, Amendments to LB 348 and has my little initials, S.F. and so on. This bill as you may recall, deals with the towing of vehicles away and it has been somewhat a subject of controversy. What these amendments are, are to incorporate all the major suggestions here on the floor in what could be termed a towee's bill of rights. It probably will stand as Senator DeCamp would say, as the most comprehensive bill, dealing with the towing of automobiles in the United States and as such, probably will be a model for legislation across the country. The towing law in the State of Nebraska was repealed with the new criminal code in part because of legal questions regarding procedures with regards to the towing of an improper vehicle, an improperly parked vehicle. Obviously it has been brought to this Legislature's attention that there are times when a business or an individual or so on finds it necessary to have a vehicle towed away and that, in fact, parking although a rather mundane issue is probably one of the things that creates some of the greatest irritability in modern society. What these amendments do is do enable, allow business to have vehicles towed away but provide certain protection for the owner of the car, certain notification when a vehicle is towed away and so on. Now in addition to what is in the bill, which Senator Newell could explain, it indicates that if your car is towed away and it was not improperly parked, you are not liable for the charges but the person that ordered that vehicle to be towed away is liable for the charges. So if your vehicle was towed away and it turned out you were not at fault, you would not have to pay to get it back. Section 6 indicates that if there are damages involved in the towing, the person towing the vehicle would be liable for damages. Section 7 defines when, in fact, the tower is in possession of the automobile and that is when it is completely hooked up. Section 8 indicates that when you get your car back you will have a statement indicating who caused the vehicle to be towed, under what statutory authority and a list of the rights under this act. Section 9 says, anyone towing a motor vehicle pursuant to this act shall take all reasonable steps to ascertain that the person causing the motor vehicle to be towed is the owner or tenant of the lot from which the motor vehicle is to be towed. This is to prevent someone from calling in and having some car towed as a harassment or a joke or something like that. If someone calls and says they are Mutual of Omaha, the towing company should try and identify that or if they say they are Paris Gardens Apartment or whoever else, not